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SUBJECT: TUC CONGRESS REBUFFS PRO-MARKETEERS AS IT  
MOVES TOWARD CLOSE: SEPT. 6

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: PRO-MARKETEERS LOST A CLOSELY-FOUGHT  
BATTLE TO MOVE THE BRITISH TUC A STEP CLOSER TOWARD  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS THE CONGRESS NARROWLY  
REJECTED A MOTION TO ALLOW THE TUC TO PARTICIPATE IN  
ALL EC COMMITTEES, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.  
AS THE CONGRESS MOVED TOWARDS A CLOSE, IT ALSO CALLED  
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UPON THE TUC GENERAL COUNCIL TO EXPLORE WITH ALL

INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO AN ALL-EMBRACING WORLD ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD INCLUDE SOVIET AND OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. DEBATE ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CENTERED ON TWO MOTIONS BEFORE THE CONGRESS. ONE OF THESE WOULD HAVE HAD THE CONGRESS "DECLARE ITS CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY". THE OTHER RESOLUTION, A COMPOSITE OF SEVERAL MOTIONS TABLED BY PRO-MARKETEER TRADE UNIONISTS, EMPHASIZED THAT THE ACTUAL ENTRY OF THE UK IN THE COMMUNITY MADE IT NECESSARY FOR BRITISH UNIONS TO COOPERATE WITH THEIR CONTINENTAL BRETHREN IN ORDER TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH ISSUES ARISING OUT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE EXISTENCE OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. IT URGED THE TUC "TO JOIN, WORK WITH, AND NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR ALL COMMITTEES, INSTITUTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH IT IS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE EC..." PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION WOULD HAVE ENDED BRITISH TUC BOYCOTT OF TWO IMPORTANT EC COMMITTEES: THE SOCIAL FUND COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

3. PRO-MARKETEERS, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION LEADERS PRESENT AT THE CONGRESS, WERE STUNNED AND DISAPPOINTED WHEN BY A CARD VOTE OF 4,922,000 TO 4,452,000 THE CONGRESS REJECTED THE MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EC INSTITUTIONS. A MOMENT LATER, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS ANTICIPATED, THE CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE OTHER MOTION CALLING FOR "CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY." SUPPORTERS OF THE PARTICIPATION MOTION, INCLUDING SOME WHO EMPHASIZED THEY WERE AGAINST UK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC, ARGUED LONG AND COGENTLY THAT IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE BRITISH WORKERS TO TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO DEFEND BRITISH WORKERS' INTERESTS ON VITAL SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND MONETARY ISSUES. ANTI-MARKETEERS, INCLUDING CLIVE JENKINS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL WORKERS, HARRY URWIN, OF THE TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS, AND ALLEN SAPPER, OF THE TELEVISION AND TECHNICIANS UNION, AS WELL AS OTHER DELEGATES, HOWEVER, DELINEATED A VARIETY OF STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST ANY FORM OF PARTICIPATION. THEY CHARGED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS THE CAUSE OF SKY-ROCKETING FOOD PRICES, AT THE EXPENSE OF BRITISH WORKERS, THAT TUC PARTICIPATION IN

THE EC WOULD BE A FORM OF "BACK DOOR ENTRY" TO THE COMMUNITY, OR SERVE AS A "TROJAN HORSE" WHICH WOULD BE A TREASONOUS EXAMPLE TO THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY MEETING NEXT MONTH IN BLACKPOOL. IN THE END, THE DEEP STRAIN OF SUSPICION ABOUT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WHICH APPEARED TO EXIST AMONG MANY TUC DELEGATES WAS SUFFICIENT TO TIP THE SCALES, AND SHOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE HANDS OF ANTI-MARKETEERS AT NEXT MONTH'S LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE.

4. IN OTHER ACTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, THE CONGRESS APPROVED A RESOLUTION WHICH REQUESTED "THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO APPROACH ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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UNION CENTERS TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND TO MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOR TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO SECURING INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION UNITY." JACK JONES, LEADER OF TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS AND CHAIRMAN OF TUC GENERAL WORKERS, TOLD THE CONGRESS THAT THE TUC IN ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) IS "SEEKING AN OPEN-ENDED ORGANIZATION, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRING TOGETHER ALL THE IMPORTANT TRADE UNION CENTERS IN EUROPE." JONES MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE TUC IS PREPARED TO INCLUDE ULTIMATELY NOT ONLY THE CHRISTIAN UNIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE BUT ALSO THE COMMUNIST UNIONS IN FRANCE AND ITALY. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE TUC IN CONCERT WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS WAS CONTINUING "TO EXPLORE COMMON GROUND" WITH EASTERN TRADE UNIONS WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO UNITY, INCLUDING TALKS SCHEDULED THIS JANUARY IN GENEVA.

5. IN RELATION TO THESE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS, THE CONGRESS MOTION ON A UNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE TAKES AN ADDED SIGNIFICANCE. SUCH A COMMITTEE, IF ESTABLISHED, COULD POSSIBLY LEAD AT SOME FUTURE TIME, IF THE BRITISH TUC TAKES THE LEAD, TO THE STRUCTURAL LINKING OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, AND THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, AND EVEN A RETURN TO THE WORLD LABOR "POPULAR FRONT" PERIOD WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY THE WFTU BETWEEN 1945 AND 1949. (ONE OF THE AMERICAN FRATERNAL DELEGATES, AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT MARTIN WARD, IN WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AN AFL-CIO RESPONSE TO SUCH A DEVELOPMENT, WARNED THAT "NO LABOR MOVEMENT CAN HELP THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ANYWHERE WHEN IT PLAYS BALL WITH DICTATORSHIP OR ANY OF ITS AGENCIES, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.")

6. THE CONGRESS ALSO APPROVED A BROAD VARIETY OF RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS WHICH INCLUDED APPROVAL OF CHILEAN UNION SUPPORT OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS ATTACKS ON APARTHEID, ON FRANCO SPAIN,

ON THE PORTUGUESE ROLE IN AFRICA, FRENCH NUCLEAR BASES, ON TOTALITARIAN REGIMES WHICH SUPPRESS WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS, AND ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. (THESE RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH SPEECHES BEFORE THE CONGRESS BY JACK JONES AND OTHER TUC LEADERS AND GUESTS WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT).

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7. COMMENT: IF LEFT-WINGERS IN THE BRITISH TUC WERE UNABLE TO WIN THEIR WAY ON DOMESTIC POLICY AT THIS CONGRESS, THEY COULD CLAIM SOME VICTORIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MOST CERTAINLY IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO HOLD THE TUC AT ARM'S LENGTH FROM THE COMMUNITY. THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE CONGRESS OF CONTINUING EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONSULTATIONS AND ITS APPROVAL OF A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE STRUCTURAL REALIGNMENTS OF THE WORLD TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ALSO CONFORMED TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AIMS OF TUC'S LEFT WING.

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